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**Mandatory Formatting Instructions for Treaty Trader (E-1) Visa Submissions**

**Effective Date: 01 August 2006**

**Non-compliant submissions will be rejected as of: 01 September 2006**

Effective immediately, the Consulate in Vancouver now requires all cases to be submitted in the following format. The E Visa Unit will not accept noncompliant cases for processing as of 01 September 2006.

All submissions must be organized into the sections below. Submissions must be bound and the sections must be delineated by clear dividers with tabs that stick out from the edges of the page. Divider pages without tabs are not acceptable. If there are more than two documents under one of the numbered tabs, you must subdivide the numbered sections into lettered subsections with tabs.

Your submissions must be organized in such a way that the reviewer can locate all of the relevant facts to make an adjudication within 5-10 minutes.

Once your submission is prepared as indicated below, submit it to our office by mail or courier. Our addresses for various types of shipments may be found at:  
<http://www.usconsulatevancouver.ca/content/content.asp?section=visas&document=evisa#submitting>

**Required format and contents:**

The cover page and application forms must be loose (unbound to the rest of the package) and placed on top of the submission package.

Application Requirements (unbound underneath cover page and on top of the documents brief in the following order):

1. All **DS-156**, **156E**, and **157** forms, filled out using the electronic visa application forms – link available on Toronto's website (Please note: we require DS-157 forms for **all applicants** over the age of 16, without regard to age or gender); primary contact email address must be placed in **block 23** on the DS-156; be certain to fill in **EVERY** block on all forms and sign and date; submit only signed original forms.
2. **2X2** passport-style photograph on plain white background taken within the last six months. One for each applicant. See photograph requirements on our website for further details.
3. Certified check or international money order payable to the U.S. Consulate General Vancouver in the amount of **\$100 US** per applicant.

4. Dependents – provide copy of marriage certificate for spouse and copies of birth certificates for all children under the age of 21. Staple these to the DS-156 applications of the dependents applicants.
5. Attached to DS-156 for each applicant, include a signed statement of the applicant's intentions regarding the temporary or permanent nature of their stay in the United States.

### **E-1 Requirements:**

#### **1. Summary**

- a. Concise comprehensive brief of relevant facts
  - Be brief, state exactly and precisely how the enterprise qualifies
  - Do not waste space with lengthy citation of CFR or FAM texts
  - Make specific reference to supporting documentation, for example: "the Canadian parent company is owned 100% by the applicant. See organizational documents showing the corporation is authorized to issue 250 shares (tab 3C(i), relevant portion highlighted), and the applicant's stock subscription agreement and share certificate for 250 shares (tab 3C(ii))."
- b. Comprehensive Index/Table of Contents

#### **2. Nationality of the Individual Beneficiary**

- a. Photocopy of the passport biographic page for investor(s)/employee(s) followed by copy for each dependent family member
- b. Photocopy of landed immigrant card or Canadian work/study permit for investor/employee, if not a Canadian Citizen

#### **3. Nationality of the Company/Evidence of Controlling Interest**

If your company is an incorporated entity:

- a. Chart of ownership of the enterprise
- b. Articles of Incorporation and certificate of existence/registration from the state/province in which the company is incorporated.
- c. Ownership:
  - If privately held by a small group of shareholders, submit i) evidence of the total number of shares outstanding, and who holds each, and ii) evidence of the treaty country nationality of the owners of at least 50% of the outstanding stock – OR –
  - If publicly traded, submit i) notarized statement from a duly authorized corporate officer stating all of the stock exchanges on which the company is traded, ii) the volume of stock traded on each exchange (see 9 FAM 41.51 N3.2), and iii) recently published stock quotations

- Please note, for either of the above, if the ownership is traced to another corporate entity (such as a holding or parent company rather than an individual), you must also trace the ownership of the holding company (ies) all the way back to the beneficial individual owners

**-OR- if your company is a partnership:**

- a. Partnership or Joint Venture Agreement
- b. Shares/stock certificates indicating total partnership units issued and outstanding, and to whom they are issued
- c. Please note, for either of the above, if the ownership is traced to another corporate entity (such as a holding or parent company rather than an individual), you must also trace the ownership of the holding company (ies) all the way back to the beneficial individual owners

**-OR- if your company is a sole proprietorship:**

- a. Business Registration
- b. Proof of ownership of business assets (real property, etc.)

**4. Trade**

- a. Show and explain the type of trade being conducted
- b. Show that trade is actively being conducted and is ongoing
- c. Show that at least 51% of the firm's international trade is conducted between the treaty country and the USA
- d. Show that the trade and profits support an ongoing and viable business entity in Canada
- e. Show that the volume of trade conducted between the treaty country and the USA is sufficient to support the trader and his/her family
- f. Some documents that may help demonstrate these factors include:
  - Purchase orders
  - Warehouse/custom declarations
  - Bills of lading
  - Sales contracts/Contracts for services
  - Carrier inventories
  - Trade brochures
  - Insurance papers documenting commodities imported into the U.S.

**5. If the applicant is an employee of the U.S. enterprise (executive/managerial; and supervisory/essential skills):**

- a) Letter from Canadian company providing specific information on the applicant and the reasons for his/her assignment to the U.S. The letter must explain the employee's role in the U.S. company (job title and duties), the applicant's

executive or supervisory responsibilities or, if not a supervisor, his/her specialist role, the level of education and knowledge required by the employee's position, his/her employment experience, progression of promotion or high level training or special qualifications and the reasons why a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident cannot fill the position (if the position is not managerial or supervisory)

- b) Evidence of E-1 company owner's nationality and immigration status in the U.S.